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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 25 and 27-32 stand in the present application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 25 and 27-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Feld et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0026272). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's § 102 rejection of the claims.

Feld et al. does not teach or suggest the use of a set of weights either in relation to defining an object model which represents an avatar or in defining an object model which represents a clothing model. Accordingly, Feld et al. fails to teach or suggest at least limitations a) and b) of independent claims 25 and 28 and the corresponding first two limitations of independent claim 31. Each of these limitations is directed to a set of weight values expressing a first object model and applying the set of weight values to a plurality of predefined models of a second type.

Feld et al. which was described in the background portion of the present specification at page 2, lines 6-12 simply does not teach or suggest these limitations. Tellingly, the paragraphs of Feld et al. cited by the Examiner do not in any way mention or in anywise disclose or even suggest the claimed use of a set of weight values and application of the set of weight values required by the present claims. In contrast to Applicants' invention, Feld et al. merely discloses a method in which the model representing a person and the model representing a garment both comprise a set of

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interconnected vertices. See Feld et al. at paragraphs 63 to 69 and associated Figures 6-9.

As Feld et al. has no disclosure, in any context, of the use of a set of weights, Applicants' invention as reflected in the present claims patentably defines over Feld et al. Moreover, Feld et al. clearly teaches away from the present invention in that it discloses a method of fitting virtual clothes to a virtual figure. Accordingly, claims 25 and 27-32 patentably define over Feld et al.

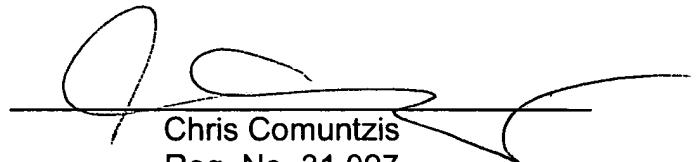
Therefore, in view of the above remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 25 and 27-32, standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

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